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Municipalities face up to 21% reduction in provincial grants

by **MARTHA PERKINS**
Editor

The numbers are in, and although the provincial funding cuts to municipalities aren't as bad as once feared, local governments will have to scramble to cope with the loss of hundreds of thousands of dollars in revenue.

All municipalities started the new year with a letter from the provincial government outlining its reduction in funding. The numbers vary widely, from 10% in Monmouth to 21% in Anson, Hindon and Minden based on a perplexing accounting formula.

Adding to the problems created by the shortfall is the government's announcement it will not begin forwarding its grant money until June. Traditionally, municipalities started receiving transfer payments in March or April. The later date will probably result in cash flow difficulties.

Most municipalities are responding by hitting the books, going line by line through their operating budgets to see where money can be saved.

There seems to be no overall trend in the cuts. Some of the smaller municipalities were insulated from drastic reductions; some were hit as hard as the county's larger municipalities.

However, it should be remembered that provincial funding accounts for roughly 20% of a municipality's income. "Any loss of funding is serious but I don't think (the announcements) are quite as dramatic as they first appeared," says Stanhope Reeve Jock Mavor. While committed to not increasing taxes, he notes the cuts to his municipality represent 4% of the overall budget, or \$30 on a \$600 tax bill.

Here's a brief look at what each municipality will have to do without in the next fiscal year:

Minden: a 21% reduction, or \$93,000 (includes unconditional grants and roads)
Bicroft: 21% or \$18,200
Cardiff: 19% or \$32,000
Dysart et al: 17% or \$142,000
Glamorgan: 18% or \$26,100
Lutterworth: 18% or \$28,400
Monmouth: 10.3% or \$17,550
Sherborne et al: 12% or \$17,200
Snowdon: 11% or \$11,000
Stanhope: 18% or \$40,300

It is also important to remember supplementary roads funding is drying up. Small municipalities especially have been dependent on this funding to buy equipment, which costs tens of thousands of dollars. As clerk Roger Hogan of Cardiff says, "the Ministry of Transportation See **POLITICIANS** page 6



THE JOYS OF WINTER: While her mother and other women "on the hill" overlooking Haliburton hampered signs in trees welcoming home Bonnie Amson, who returned on Friday from a year in Australia, Siobhan Creelman took advantage of the snow to toboggan down the hill behind her house.

Construction slows down across the county – with a few exceptions

by **MARTHA PERKINS**
Editor

Construction workers – go east! That seems to be one of the few places in the county where there was an increase in construction last year.

In 1995, there was a general decrease in the number of building permits issued by the 10 municipalities, as well as a decrease in the value of the con-

struction. One exception is Cardiff, where they enjoyed an increase in the construction of new dwellings.

Stanhope also witnessed a small increase, thanks to people adding onto their existing dwellings. But unlike Cardiff, the number of new dwellings in Stanhope decreased.

"I was amazed," says Cardiff's chief building official, Dale Shannick, of the increase in permits. In 1994, he issued 76 permits, including eight new dwellings. In 1995, 12 new dwellings were built and most were valued at more than \$100,000.

In Stanhope, a big jump in the number of additions and renovations accounted for the small surge in statistics. There were 45 additions in 1995 compared to 36 in 1994 and double the number (six) of renovations. The number of new cottages remained constant at seven, but the number of dwellings dropped from nine to four.

There wasn't a major drop in construction values in Anson, Hindon and Minden, even

though the number of new homes and cottages dropped by almost a third. In 1994, there were 16 new cottages with a total value of \$780,000. Last year, there were only 11 new cottages, but they were much more expensive ones, with a total value of \$890,000.

Likewise, the new homes seem to be worth more. The total value for the 15 new homes built in 1994 was \$1.1-million. Only 11 homes were built in 1995, but their combined value was \$940,000.

Most of the other numbers stayed the same.

"People are definitely watching their pennies," says AHM building inspector Doug Schell. Instead of building a new place, people are fixing up their existing one.

Schell and Ernie Hills of Snowdon noticed an increase in the number of pre-fabricated homes, which are less expensive for the consumer but provide few local jobs.

"We really flipped back to the 1993 levels," Hills says. "There

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More user fees likely at Stanhope airport

by **MARTHA PERKINS**
Editor

While it's never pleasant to trim \$10,000 from your annual spending habits, the Stanhope municipal airport will find the task relatively easy compared to next year's challenge of cutting a further \$10,000.

The provincial government previously helped "top up" the airport's operating deficit to a maximum of \$20,000 a year. This year, that amount will be

reduced by half, and totally eliminated in 1997.

Where's the \$20,000 to come from?

Airport manager Mike Carey says the airport, which already runs on a lean budget, especially when compared to other airports, began cutting costs three years ago in preparation for a reduction of funds. That process will be accelerated. As well, the airport plans to increase its revenue from outside sources.

"It's unfortunate this is happening but we'll be okay," he says. "We've been bringing in more revenue and not spending as much every year for the past three years... We'll be in good shape compared to other airports (which have relied more heavily on provincial funds)."

The airport is looking at charging a fee for any revenue-generating flight. There might also be other types of user fees.

"The pilots are very helpful

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County loses two outstanding volunteers

We were deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Joyce Gostock on Thursday, January 4. The Haliburton resident was a dedicated volunteer who truly cared about her community and wanted it to be a happy and healthy place to live. She was a member of the Acting Health Services Board and one of the founders of the Haliburton branch of the Heart and Stroke Foundation. In September, she and her husband Al were awarded the Canada Volunteer Merit Certificate, a national recognition of their efforts to raise money for heart disease research. He has had six heart attacks, and then she developed heart-related ailments and diabetes. We extend our sin-

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News about people and events in Haliburton County

cere sympathy to Mr. Gostock, who has lost a true friend.

The county lost another outstanding volunteer last week. Frank Fogwell of Miner's Bay passed away on January 2. He was awarded the Order of Canada for his tireless efforts with the Big Brothers of Canada and was known for his pleasant smile and friendly nature, a good neighbour to all he met. He and his wife Millie were very much involved with their church, Pioneer Baptist in Norland, and his faith was always a strong motivation for his desire to help oth-

ers. We extend our condolences to his family as well.

We welcome to the community Dr. Greg Karaguesian and family. He is joining the Haliburton Family Medical Clinic, a much welcome arrival for everyone in the area.

A Kennisis Lake resident was disgusted to see 25 bags of garbage piled outside the landfill gates last Wednesday. "There's no excuse for it," says the caller. The whole area was a mess after birds and animals started ripping open the bags and it took an hour to clean it up. The landfill is open Thursdays and weekends from 10 to 5 and cottagers who cannot make it during those hours should take the garbage home with them rather than create an unsightly mess for others at the lake.

One of the Echo's staff people is taking part in Snowarama on January

27. The Rotary-sponsored event raises money for Easter Seals and gives snowmobilers a chance to enjoy the trails while helping disabled children across the province. If you'd like to sponsor Laura Johnston for this good cause, please drop by the Echo office.

The Canadian Red Cross is appealing for donors at its blood donor clinic in Lindsay on Thursday, January 25. People are urgently asked to attend to help the Red Cross help others. Please bring signed identification to the clinic, which is at the Victoria Park Armory from noon till 7:30 p.m.

Here's some good news for jazz fans: "From the Mississippi Delta by way of New York City, the jazz and blues vocal and piano stylings of an absolute original" will be performing in Peterborough's Market Hall on Sunday January 21 at 7:30 p.m. Mose Allison, bass player Steve Wallace and drummer John Sumner open the year for the Kawartha Jazz Society. For more information call 705-743-8750

Few "big ticket" items being built

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weren't the big ticket items going up."

Glamorgan's statistics reflect the same trends. While Minden's new dwellings were worth more, Glamorgan's new cottage owners were spending less. For instance, in 1994 seven permits were issued for cottages worth a total of \$575,000. Although only one fewer permit was issued in 1995, the dollar value decreased by \$210,000. There was only one new home built in 1995 compared to the year before.

The drop in values is particularly evident in Sherborne et al. Although the number of permits issued is up, the dollar value is down from \$2.1-million in 1994 to \$1.6-million in 1995. "It's in a free fall," says chief building official Michael Campbell. "It's scary."

Don van Nood says that while his figures were also down, you have to put the statistics into perspective. Numbers seem to be down drastically compared to the building boom of 1989/90, but are twice as high as they were only 10 years ago.

Construction peaked in Dysart in 1989, creating an almost unimaginable utopia today. In 1989, construction was valued at \$21.6-million, dropping slightly to \$20.4-million the year. By 1994, construction was valued at \$10.7-million and it dropped a further 18% to \$8.8-million in 1995.

Compared to 1985's value of \$4.8-million, today's statistics seem reasonable.

As well, there were fewer peaks and valleys last year because the permits were being issued at a more constant rate, avoiding the build-up in June when people's thoughts turn to construction.

Van Nood notes that construction seems to go in 10-year cycles and perhaps 1996 will be the beginning of an upswing. In the first week of January, he already had three people in.

Lois Warburton, the secretary of the county's land division committee, has also seen a bit of activity in the first week of the new year.

In 1995, the applications for severances were down by 22, for a total of 167. She too says there seems to be no patterns to the applications.

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Construction should pick up once people feel secure about jobs

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

Job security – or the lack of it – is the major handicap for the local construction industry, says the president of the Haliburton County Homebuilders Association.

With so many job cuts in the civil service, Ontario Hydro and Bell, many people aren't in the mood to invest thousands of dollars in a new home or cottage, says Gary Burtch. Until they have more confidence in the future, any extra money they have will be kept in the bank.

But once the economy adjusts to the provincial cutbacks, watch out. "There's just been so much holding back (on spending,) eventually it will have to let go," Burtch says, believing that those builders who can ride out these slow times will be quite busy in a year or two.

One indicator is that developers are starting to put in roads and services in anticipation of renewed interest in building lots.

Another plus is the low interest rates, especially when compared to the even lower rates

people are earning by keeping their money in the bank. Mortgage rates are the lowest they've been in two years, prompting people to make their move after years of waiting.

And while provincial initiatives are causing uncertainty, Burtch believes the government's heading in the right direction.

All that is in the future, however, and local construction workers have had to deal with a present-day general slowdown. The Ontario Homebuilders Association says 1995 had the lowest number of housing starts in a couple of years, and that was very evident in the county.

Burtch said at the beginning of the year he was fairly busy quoting on projects. Then he and other builders noticed they were all bidding on the same projects, sometimes nine of them at a time. Consumers were very price conscious and while Burtch believes local builders have highly competitive and attractive prices, some consumers were too quick in accepting the lowest bids.

"They have too much emphasis on price," he says. "They're looking at the price, not the product."

If there's a big difference in the quotes, Burtch cautions people to do their homework and make sure they're comparing apples to apples. There should not be a big difference in quotes for work of the same standard.

Then, in the spring, even the pricing dried up and Burtch, like others, was not very busy until the July 15 storm hit. Then it was a whirlwind of activity.

It's interesting to note that in Dysart et al, there were very few building permits issued for the Kennis/Redstone Lake area, where most of the storm's damage was. There was only one permit for that area issued in July, two in August and three in September.

Building inspector Don van Nood says "with the number of buildings that were damaged, we saw one percent of it." Home and cottage owners may wish to avoid paying the permit costs, but van Nood points out that if something goes wrong, the owner will have full liability. If the municipality has not issued a permit and made sure the construction conforms to all by-laws and building codes, then it has no responsibility if there are problems. "If something goes wrong and they want to come back on someone, they can only blame themselves. Who are they going to call?"

Consumers can sometimes run into trouble when they try to find someone who's willing to cut corners to cut costs, and again, if things go wrong or there's an accident, the consumer will end up paying far more than it would have cost to have the job done properly.

Burtch says there are fewer people coming into the county to do work, but there are more big firms in the city cutting into the local contractors' territory. "Up here we're renovators/home builders. All the major homebuilders in the city turned into renovators last year. But if you shop and compare what you're getting, I think people up here can compete with anyone else. The same with supplies."

Meanwhile, although some of the jobs are small, at least they're jobs which are keeping men employed. Burtch has also recently picked up two new cottage jobs so perhaps 1996 will be the beginning of the end of the construction recession.



IT ALL ADDS UP: There weren't many new houses or cottages going up last year so many contractors spent their time working on renovations and additions. On the weekend, Gary Burtch, Bernie Upton and Scott McKee (and Grant Rae, not shown) were enlarging the size of the lobby at the Haliburton Post Office (which is getting 300 new boxes.)

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Show of support sought for local Internet link

by ERIC LILIUS

KawarthaNet (KNET) is a not-for-profit community based network and Internet provider currently linking Peterborough, Lindsay, Bobcaygeon and Fenelon Falls. Expansion plans include Cobocok, Kinmount and Minden. The Minden location will provide Haliburton County with local dial-up access to the network and beyond.

Many local services, schools, organizations, businesses and individuals in the presently serviced areas are mounting home pages on KNET. There is also access to local discussion groups as well as Internet news groups and E-mail.

Since the KNET is run and managed by volunteers, it is an inexpensive service whose funds are fed directly back into the

system for improvement and expansion. Current rates are \$150/year for full graphical access and \$40/year for text only access. This rate provides three hours per day, one hour at a time, and a free home page for individual users.

To have this service for the Haliburton area, we need to demonstrate that we want it. The more interest we can show, the sooner the Haliburton connection will happen.

A committee was formed to represent Haliburton County at KNET meetings. More information will be available after January 13. If you are interested in participating in what amounts to a bioregional network with access to the Internet, call Steve Longworth 447-2435, Eric Lilius 754-2255 or Sharon Luke 286-6477 (day).

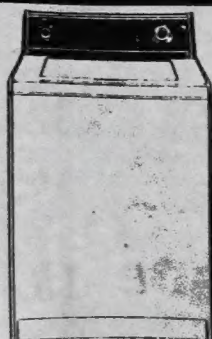
AT A GLANCE...

Here is a comparison of 1994/1995 building permit statistics for some of the County's 10 municipalities.

BUILDING PERMITS	1994	1995
Anson, Hindon, Minden	167	149
Cardiff	76	87
Dysart et al	287	255
Glamorgan	55	53
Sherbourne et al	123	127
Snowdon	45	41
Stanhope	85	100

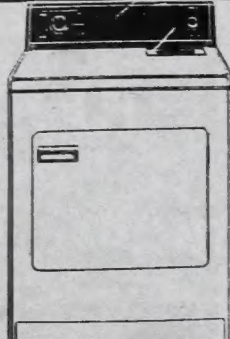
CONSTRUCTION VALUE	1994	1995
Anson, Hindon, Minden	4,588,000	3,800,000
Cardiff	1,780,500	1,714,000
Dysart et al	10,674,000	8,816,995
Glamorgan	1,481,000	1,088,500
Sherbourne et al	2,555,340	1,690,000
Snowdon	861,000	725,100
Stanhope	3,150,000	3,255,000

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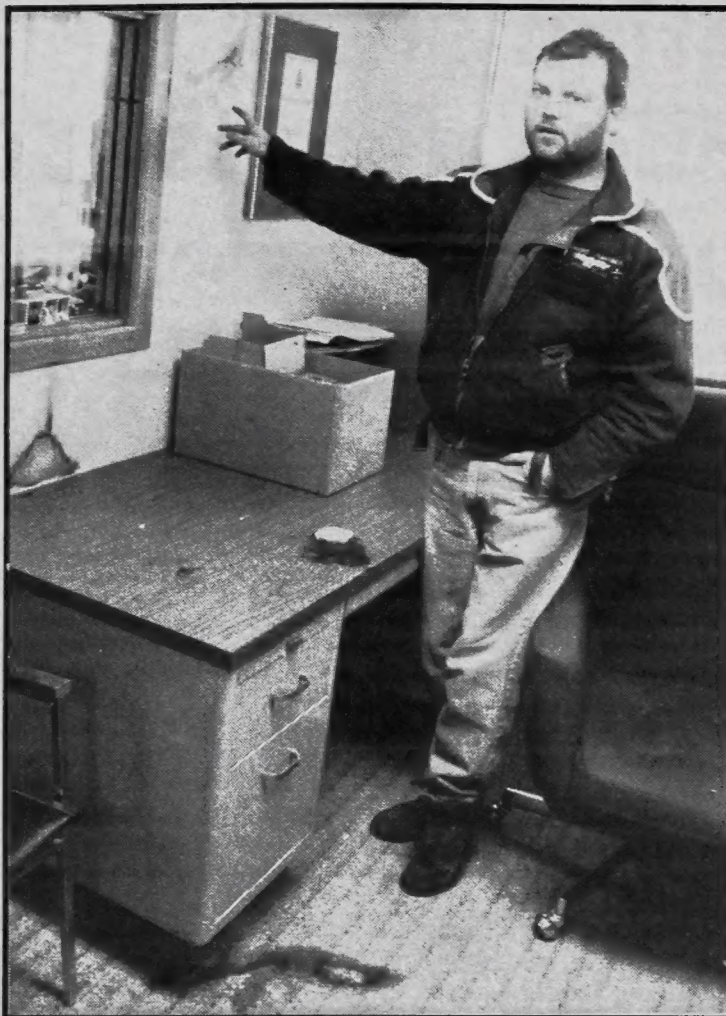
On the evening of December 22, a Windsor man broke into the small building on Airport Road, smashing the window in the door. Once inside, he smashed the display case and set several posters on fire. He also started a fire on the manager's desk and a kitchen area counter.

After making himself a cup of

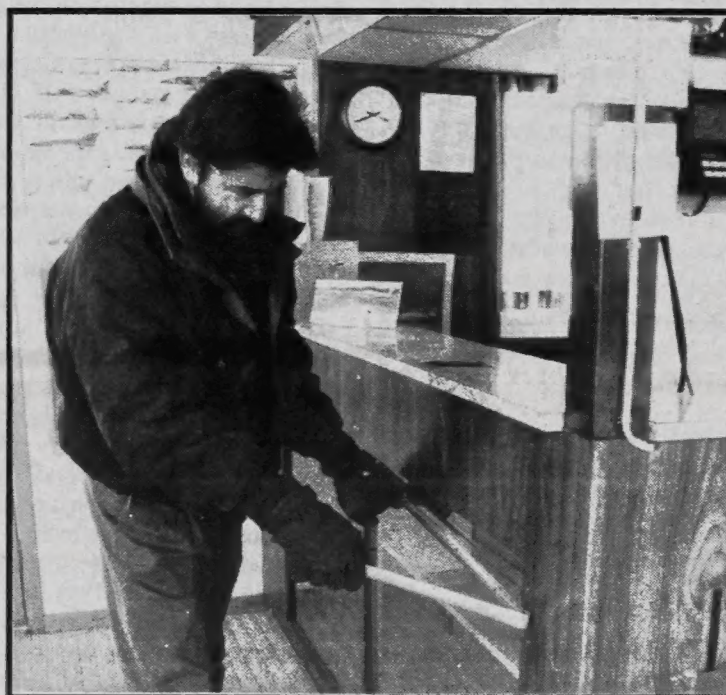
coffee, the man then phoned the Minden OPP and told them he had broken into the airport building, where he would be waiting for them to arrest him.

Damage estimates have not yet been tallied. Highland Glass has already replaced the glass and the walls will have to be re-painted.

Airport manager Mike Carey, who returned to the airport to deal with the mess during his Christmas holidays, says they're just lucky the building didn't burn down.



Airport manager Mike Carey, top photo, points out the scorch marks on his office wall, desk and floor. Jim O'Connor of Highland Glass fixed the smashed display cabinet and windows



Stanhope committed to airport's presence

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and supportive," Carey says. "They just want to make sure (any changes) are fair and equitable."

Both Carey and Stanhope council are firm in belief of the airport's value to the community. It is the only airport in the county and is used by recreational pilots, charter businesses, Ontario Hydro and the Armed Forces, among others. A few years ago there was a large infusion of federal funds to upgrade it from a grass to paved strip, and the result has been a steady increase in the airport's use.

Reeve Jock Mavor has sent a letter to the federal government to see if the airport would be eligible for any of its funding programs.

"We feel the airport is an essential service that should be kept open," Mavor says. However, in light of the funding cuts, "it's not an addition burden we can impose on taxpayers."

When asked if he would ask neighbouring municipalities, who also benefit from the airport's presence, to provide financial assistance, Mavor said he'd prefer to try other avenues first.

The airport's annual budget is \$76,000. It brings in direct revenues of \$33,000, leaving a net cost of \$43,000. The province used to pick up \$20,000, which meant the property tax levy was for \$23,000.

The provincial association of airport managers is asking the government to phase in next year's cuts over four years.

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A MIRACLE

Two "long-lost" cousins discover each other thanks to an old family portrait

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

IF A PICTURE is worth a thousand words, then the stately, old photograph hanging on David Farrell's livingroom wall is also worth a thousand stories about the lives of the people gazing so proudly at the camera.

The first story Farrell would tell is how the photograph helped him discover an entire host of new relatives to add to the family portrait. Because of the photo, the Scottish immigrant found himself introduced to three generations of Canadian cousins he never knew existed, including a woman who goes to his church at West Guilford Gospel Chapel.

Like many other photos of the time, the one of Farrell's great-grandparents' family shows the Peats in their Sunday best. There's the mother and father and nine of their 13 surviving children. ("Be fruitful and multiply," the Bible says, and the Peats were a religious family.) One of those children is Farrell's grandfather, Bert. Another is Robert, the only one who would leave Scotland with his young family to make a new life for themselves in Canada. But for some strange reason, that departure was never part of the Peat family lore, and Farrell grew up thinking all of the people in the photo had lived and died on Scottish soil.

However, the photo, in a much smaller version, also appeared on the back of a family history printed for a reunion of Robert Peat's family in 1991. The four-page pamphlet outlines how Robert Peat left Larkhall, Scotland in 1920, married twice, (to two sisters but not at the same time, of course) and had seven children of his own. His granddaughter, Beryl Schakelaar, has kept that pamphlet in a jumble of old family papers at her home just outside

of Haliburton village.

In 1976, David Farrell and his wife Sandy (who coincidentally also came from Larkhall, Scotland) moved to Canada and seven years ago began cottaging on Halls Lake. Three years ago, they moved permanently to the Highlands and thus found themselves in need of a church. His grandfather's family had been Brethren, so the Farrells decided to make their religious home at West Guilford Gospel. There, they met Beryl Schakelaar and her husband Gord.

In a gesture of friendship, the Farrells invited the Schakelaars to their house for a visit one day in October, 1994. It didn't take long for Mrs. Schakelaar to notice the family photo on the wall. Somehow it looked vaguely familiar and as they chatted about family histories, they discovered the remarkable coincidence that Farrell's grandfather was a Peat and so was Beryl and her father, Somers.

But that still didn't explain the familiarity of the photograph. At this point, they still didn't click on to the fact that two cousins were sitting opposite one another.

As soon as she got home, Mrs. Schakelaar began rooting through her pile of family memorabilia, saying a silent hallelujah when she found the pamphlet from the family reunion. Turning to its back page, she saw, in miniature, the same family portrait she had just seen in the Farrells' living room. And there, second from left, standing tall and proud, was Bert Peat, David's grandfather. On the right, standing equally proudly, was Beryl's grandfather, Robert. That meant that the older couple in the centre of the photo were David and Beryl's mutual great-grandparents.

Seconds later, Mrs. Schakelaar was on the phone with her new-found cousin, excitedly telling him about her thrilling discovery.



NEW-FOUND COUSINS: This photograph led to the discovery that David Farrell and Beryl Schakelaar are cousins.

ery. He was shocked – delighted – shocked.

"If I had played the lottery, it's winning the big one," he says of his reaction.

"It's very much a miracle David and I ended up in the community," his new-found cousin adds.

Despite what everyone says about not being able to choose your relatives, they both agree they couldn't have chosen better.

Since that time, Farrell has met many of his 95 new relatives and his friendship with the Schakelaars has deepened. From being all alone in their new

homeland, the Farrells are now surrounded by cousins.

But how did Canadian Peat family end up with a copy of the same photograph that has hung for decades on the Farrell family's wall?

It turns out that David's mother came for a visit in 1980 and

for some reason, she knew about the existence of Mima Peat – the oldest of Robert's seven children and the sister of Beryl's father – but not the others. When they went to visit her, Mima never mentioned she was one of seven children, who had married and had children (and grandchildren) of their own.

The Farrells gave her a small copy of the family photograph and 11 years later, that photograph was printed on the back of the family history pamphlet.

But the coincidences don't end at the Schakelaars' visit to the Farrells'. Gord Schakelaar's father was the administrator of the nursing home where Mima Peat lived, and where David Farrell came with his two sons to sing for the residents. Beryl's father's Christian names are old family names, Somerville Gilchrist, and Sandy Farrell's mother – who grew up in the same town where "Somers" was born – was a Gilchrist.

Are there more family members yet to discover? David doesn't think so, even though he wishes he had a few relatives on his orphaned father's side. But he's more than content with his 95 new cousins and every time he looks at the photograph in his living room, he shakes his head in wonder.

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Politicians committed to cutting costs, not raising taxes to compensate for funding cuts

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funding for this year is pretty well shot."

Hitting the budget books will definitely be a challenge for all local governments. Bicroft clerk Sandra McColl said at one ministry meeting about the cuts, they were given suggestions such as using the back of scrap paper instead of buying note paper and turning lights off at night — two things the municipality has always done. "When there never was any waste, it's difficult," she says.

As well, funding reductions of the same size — or more — are expected for 1997.

Many councils, however, are committed to absorbing the cuts without raising property taxes.

"An economic turn-around is not in the immediate future," says Minden reeve Jeanne Anthon. "The community is suffering enough without accommodating more tax increases."

Like many others, she says

municipalities must re-think the way they provide services and the role the municipality plays in the community. This review is happening internally within each municipality, but also on the county level, where councillors are exploring ways to share costs and services.

"We'll be looking at every program," says Murray Fearrey, speaking as both Dysart reeve and county warden. Perhaps new partnerships will be forged with private enterprise, services will be shared, and road construction will be reduced.

The threat of funding reductions has been the main impetus behind the county's own plans to restructure. Some fear that because the cuts weren't as tough as expected — 50% over two years — the impetus for change has been removed.

"It may take some of the urgency away for a while but the need is still there to look at where we're going," says

Fearrey, noting that the province hasn't backed down on its goal to transform the province's 800 existing municipalities into 300 larger ones.

"Municipalities are fooling themselves if they think they can get by" without making major structural changes, he adds. For small municipalities, the gradual elimination of supplementary funding will give them little room to manoeuvre. "If these other little pluses aren't there, how can they get a new back hoe?"

The county must look at "the whole picture" and determine where there's duplication and possibilities of cost sharing.

Meanwhile, the province's "omnibus bill" contains several provisions which allow municipalities to raise money aside from property taxes, primarily through user fees. "I'm not sure whether it will happen quickly enough for us to implement changes for 1996," Fearrey says, and he's wary about relying more on a user pay system of financing. "Your people will reject that thinking, too."

The Haliburton County Board of Education has not yet heard about its grant reduction. Business superintendent Jim Bradley notes "there's not much they can take away from us." In a \$16-million annual budget, the province chips in only \$2-million, or 12%.



LESS TIME FOR BROWSING: Elizabeth and Gregory Kerr will have to get used to the reduced hours at the Haliburton library. Library hours across the county have been cut by two hours.

Library hours cut by two at all county branches

Library hours across the county have been cut by two hours a week.

The only exception is Snowdon, where the branch is open only one hour a week to begin with.

County librarian Joel Levis says last year, the libraries had added two hours because they expected extra funding from the

province. That money has not been forthcoming, and in 1996, the library will receive a 20% reduction of its base funding, with a further 20% the next year.

Levis did not have figures on the expected cost savings from the reduction in hours. "It's sort of irrelevant," he says. "It would be a misleading figure at best."

Who knows if it all adds up?

For any readers who happen to be accountants, here's the province's formula for the funding cuts:

"First a base relating to last year's unconditional grants and roads grants was established. The roads grants base was adjusted to allow for the establishment of the Ministry of

Transportation transition fund and the unconditional grants were adjusted by the Social Contract deferral. Each municipality was assigned a reduction of 28.5% from this base. However, where this reduction exceeded 9.5% of the 1994 own purpose levy, the reduction was capped at that level."



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BONNIE'S BACK



THE SIGN SAYS IT ALL: After being away for a year in Australia, Bonnie Amson and her children, Tobin and Kaelan, returned to Haliburton on Friday. A group of friends were gathered on the top of the hill to give her a big welcome home. They also posted signs and balloons all the way up Ridgeview Drive. In the top photo, Bonnie, centre, gets a hug from Anne Creelman and Carole Thompson, before they all hurried inside. It may be summer in Australia, but the Amsons returned on one of the coldest winter days in Haliburton.

Good study habits begin now

by DEBORAH NASH
HHSS Co-op Student

Now that exams are around the corner, it's time to dust off the notebooks.

It always takes time for some students to crack the books and study for their exams. Every student wants to do well, so here are a few good study habits that can help — if put them into use. Good luck!

☛ Organize and review your notes. Start with the main points before you return to review the material in detail. Set up a schedule so you know when your exams are and what you will be studying each night. Listen closely to the teacher's tips on what may be on the examination and never assume something won't be on the exam and not study it.

☛ Always ask your teachers for extra help prior to the exam if there are areas you do not understand. Be sure you know

what type of exam it will be, e.g. essay questions or multiple choice. You should re-do all your tests. Make charts and graphs to help organize information. When studying for a math test, write down all the formulas you have used throughout the course and practise them over and over again.

☛ Where you study also affects how much you retain. You should select one location to do your studying. Choose a place with good lighting, preferably with a firm chair and a place to spread out your notes and where interruptions or distractions will be at a minimum. Select an area that has a door you can close and always study in that one place so that you associate it with studying. And allow yourself breaks to reward yourself.

These were just some tips on how to improve your studying habits, but you have to find the best way for you to study.

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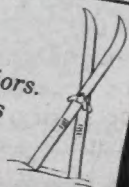
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Place: Seminar Room,
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Time: 7:30pm

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James E. Bradley, Superintendent of Business,
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Editorial

Taxes – the old nemesis

When cottagers complain “we don’t get anything for our property tax dollars”, they usually mean two things: 1) They don’t get full use of those services because they’re not up here all the time; and 2) far fewer services are offered here compared to their city homes.

The truth of the matter is that property taxes are relatively low in the Highlands and you do get a lot for your money. Services have to be provided year round, whether a cottager comes up for a particular weekend or not. Property taxation is not based on the number of times you use that property; you’re paying for the privilege of owning it. As well, you have to accept that you won’t use every service your tax dollars pay for. A cottager might not drive down a municipally-maintained road, but the cottager across the lake might. Highlands residents’ provincial tax dollars help pay for the TTC and the SkyDome, yet we have far fewer opportunities to use them. That doesn’t mean we shouldn’t all be chipping in because we want these services to be there when we need them.

Although we’re moving in the direction of a user-pay society, we’re not there yet – and let’s hope we never take it to the extreme of only paying for those services we use. We still need a bit of the glue that holds a society together.

That said, the financial interests of cottagers must be protected as local governments and the school board cope with a reduction in provincial grants. Cottagers are not cash cows. They have financial worries and constraints too, and since cottaging is the backbone of this county’s economy, we must ensure the Highlands remains an affordable place for them to own property. Funding reductions cannot be offset by tax increases with the convenient argument that those increases are only the cost of a case of beer. As everyone knows, all Ontario citizens seem to have to a lot of cases of beer being placed on their shoulders, each case coming from a different source. There’s not enough room for even another bottle.

It’s not a right wing versus left wing argument to say municipalities and the school board must cope with funding cuts without increasing taxes. It’s a money argument – or a lack of it – argument. Change isn’t going to be easy, especially in the Highlands where there haven’t been many perks to begin with.

In historical perspective, municipalities have always seen growth as their financial salvation. More properties being developed means more property taxes flowing in. But as we’ve discovered, that increase in revenue has often fallen short of the costs of providing services to these properties. When someone builds a house on a lake half an hour from the nearest village, they want the roads plowed and the school bus to pick up their kids at the end of the driveway. They don’t want to drive far with a bag of stinking garbage in their trunk. The building inspector or fire truck spends an hour just getting to and from the site. We need more by-laws to ensure the area’s beauty is protected for the next generations. More people means more schools and because of the number of cottages in the Highlands, the government says we’re able to pay 88% of the cost of education.

In the Highlands, cost efficiencies are hard to come by since we have a small population spread out over a vast area. The cost per square kilometre is higher than in urban areas. And yet, municipalities (and the county) have been able to offer their ratepayers many services: roads, parks, beaches, tennis courts, arenas, protection of property, by-laws which ensure your neighbour won’t build a garage right next to your house, libraries, a senior citizens home and fire works on holiday weekends. They also pay part of the cost for Children’s Aid, welfare and the health unit. Which of those services are ratepayers willing to do without? Which are they willing to pay user fees for?

It’s essential that on a county level, we move forward with an overall restructuring, perhaps even hand in hand with the board of education. (Why do we have school libraries and public libraries in Haliburton, Minden, Gooderham, Cardiff and Dorset. Can’t the resources be pooled?)

We can’t hold on to the status quo in a fit of nostalgia. Most of the county’s ratepayers are cottagers, and they don’t care about which municipality their cottage is in or who’s plowing their road as long as the taxes are as low as possible. They’re right. **M.P.**



Canning Lake bridge

by Len Pizzey

Letters to the Editor

Haliburton sidewalks a disgrace

To the Editor:

We are senior citizens and have lived in the Haliburton area for the last five years. Each winter I find the streets of Haliburton are just a disgrace. Doesn’t anyone know how to shovel their sidewalks of snow anymore? I will give credit to about five sidewalks in all that are kept clear. That’s not many!

Where we came from, storekeepers and property owners are fined if their walks are not cleared. This winter especially, with all the extra snow, it has

been a battle trying to get around to do our shopping. When I arrive back home I’m utterly exhausted fighting the deep snow from shop to shop. You advertise to be sure and “Shop In Your Home Town First” but they are doing little to encourage easy access to each store.

Haliburton has a great percentage of seniors. Couldn’t they be given a little consideration by cleaning your sidewalks? I, for one, cannot afford broken bones and that’s the risk we are taking by shopping in

Haliburton. If the owners of the stores and shops are too busy inside making money, surely they could afford to pay teenagers to do the job for them. My husband is 77 years old and can and does shovel our driveway patio and around the house each time it snows!

Come on storekeepers, clean those walks for happier customers!

Minden is doing a much better job at cleaning their sidewalks.

**E. Bartley,
Lochlin**

Unhappy New Year in Harris Land

To the Editor:

Happy New Year in Harris Land. Bankruptcies up 35 percent, soup kitchens overwhelmed with new applicants and a populace so psychologically frightened that it is estimated about 20 percent of small retail merchants are on their way out due to poor Xmas sales.

Thomas Walkom, of the Toronto Star, in an interview with members of the Provincial Cabinet, came away with the following impressions.

The cutback to social services and the attempted destruction of the unions is purely an ideological exercise. The deficit is an excuse to put their neo-conservative wacky-tunes philosophy into practice. Indeed they admit their present actions will have little, if any, affect on it. They also stated that any prospect for new jobs depended entirely on an expected increase in our G.N.P. In fact it now appears

likely that our recovery has stalled and indeed, we may be entering a new recession. No new jobs?

They freely admit a 30 percent tax cut will only reward the moderate to super rich. Such a cut will, they say, sharply increase our present deficit. The “Eminence Gris” is Mr. Tom Long who is a disciple of Newt Gingrich. Mr. Harris is his Charlie McCarthy.

Mr. Long in an interview with that guru of the Conservative party, Dalton Camp, admitted that the agenda of his stooge, Mr. Harris, was to wipe out the public sector as completely as possible and replace it with an American-style market-run economy.

Here is how Mr. Camp describes these mad men. Quote: “Some people have told me that he (Mr. Long) invented

Mr. Harris...When Ronald Reagan tried out these voodoo economics, there was an enormous shift in per capita wealth from the middle class to the top of the heap. The debt trebled. Economists have never believed that such a system can ever work. Indeed all that happened there was that the rich got richer, the poor got a great deal poorer and the middle class got nothing.”

Camp’s conclusion: “I find the Common Sense Revolution is still nonsense, dangerous nonsense.” In other words, this is not a Conservative government but a group of red-necked neo Fascists. (my comment).

**H. Michael Collins,
Gooderham**

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After the chaos comes January

JANUARY 1. The tree comes down. The decorations are put away. The company has gone home, and the three weeks of non-stop parties, pot lucks and card games is over.

It's one of those weeks when I get to have some quiet time. Let the deep of winter close around me. Watch the others play in the ice and water on Cranberry Bay.

I should be a 'good little housewife' and start ripping the place apart, and scrubbing walls and all that jazz. Luckily, I'm a merely adequate domestic engineer. I don't do shoulds anymore. (Or, at least I have these times of self-preservation when I stop doing shoulds). I've come to the age when my body and mind recognize the need for a little down time. And I no longer feel guilty about taking it.

So, on January 2, when the chaos of Christmas company ends, and Ed goes back to work, I wake up, take some deep breaths, drink my lemon water, and watch winter awhile.

Oh, it's not that I do nothing all week. I just settle into half-speed. One does have to wash all those sheets, after all. And there's the awesome task of finding the new places Aunt Mariam put my kitchen utensils. Then there's all those containers in the refrigerator with a schnibble of this and a dabble of that. I

don't know how my daughter managed to drop off all six of the dips left over from her open house.

The week after New Year's is a great time to snuggle up on the couch with the cat and a good book. Poor Yeti has had it with dodging kids, and tumbling mega-blocks, and all that noise.

He's up for some deep sleeps.

I'm only semi-vegetating. All that cooking and eating and playing games and

eating has made my clothes tight. A little fasting and some cardio-exercise seem appropriate. Especially, when no one's around to watch me huff 'n puff two steps behind the young, skinny TV exercise person. And backwardly finding I can't seem to get the footwork and the arm-work correctly coordinated at the same time.

My week is just about gone. Yesterday, I picked up the phone and filled in some dates on my new, big refrigerator calendar. Tomorrow is Saturday. Ed's home, and there's another list of chores to tackle. I'll have to spruce up, pull up my socks, get my rear in gear (as they say) and jump back into the swing of things.

But it was such a nice week. Very few phone calls. Nobody asked me to do anything. And it was sometimes so quiet, I could hear the clock tick.

That's enough of that!

NORTHERN LIGHTS

Virginia Muenzel



Pic of the Past

When it's so cold outside, we like to remind readers there are warmer days ahead. Unfortunately, summer also brings with it its share of work, as evidenced in this old photograph of the Taylor family bringing in the hay

at Horseshoe Lake. Our thanks to Keith and Isa Taylor for sharing the photo with us. If you have any old photos of interest to our readers, please drop by The Echo office in Haliburton.

Anything but routine

STAN STOOD to the left of the door, just out of sight. If Al saw him, Al wouldn't do anything. He'd wait, head cocked to the side, eyes boring into Stan's like lasers. Then Stan would wake up all night, wondering if silent Al was standing by the door in the darkness, waiting to go out. Al had his nightly routine but it didn't take much to distract him. Seeing Stan through the glass was enough. Al would think of the handful of kibble waiting once he came back inside, a payoff so to speak. It worked - as long as Al didn't see Stan. Then he'd forget why he was outside and go straight for the kibble.

Just getting Al outside could try Stan's patience. Especially on these cold nights. Al was selectively deaf, so Stan would clap his hands, call Al's name and finally, slowly, Al would rouse himself from his basket and amble over to the top of the basement stairs. He'd see Stan at the bottom and know why he was there. They went through this routine every night, after all. But Al would not be hurried. Ever. He'd open his mouth and yawn, as though just awakened from the sleep of the dead. Then he'd stretch; first front legs, then back.

While all this was going on, Stan would be coming to a slow boil at the bottom of the stairs. He'd have one hand on the door-knob, indicating Al's destination, but still Al would not be



DOWN OUR ROAD

Sharon Lynch

rushed. He'd poke down a few top steps, then stop and look at Stan, waiting for some encouragement. The odd night Stan was really tired and would start shouting at Al to get going, hurry up, quit the performance. These were the nights Al was particularly deaf. He'd almost go into slow motion, taking each step slowly, carefully as he descended to where Stan continued to wait.

Once Stan had Al back inside, kibbled and settled into his basket again, it was time for the cats. Actually he only had to take care of one of the cats, the young male which liked to chase the older female all through the house all through the night. It had taken just a few jolting thuds on his chest for Stan to devise a plan. Now, the young male spent his nights in the spare bedroom with the door shut. He seemed to like it well enough. Perhaps it was the routine he liked.

First, Stan carried the cat's food and water dish into the bedroom, placing it atop an old dresser. Then he shook the cat treat box, to announce his intentions. If the cat wasn't already waiting at the bedroom door, this always brought him running. Then Stan walked into the

room, having turned on the hall light so he could see, placed three cat treats in the middle of the old towel placed in the middle of the bed and quickly retreated while the cat hunched over the treats as though in prayer. The door was shut, the hall light turned off and nothing more would be heard from the cat until morning.

The other older cat usually ended up at Stan's feet at some point in the night. Stan didn't mind. It was a quiet cat. Such could not be said of Al. Most nights, Al would leave his basket and come into Stan's room, making a nest of any clothes Al had left on the floor before retiring. Then Al would commence snoring.

His intakes of air seemed to get detoured on their way, rattling around like scrapping in a cave before exhaling as a death rattle. Stan had become used to it but there was still the odd night he awoke with a start, thinking the furnace had just exploded or a plane crashed into the wood shed.

But the worst was when Stan woke in the very early morning, maybe two hours before his alarm, and he had to use the washroom down the hall. No matter what, he did not want to wake the animals. Because if he did, they'd think it was time to get up and then they'd immediately go into their morning routine. And that was another whole ritual in itself.

Counselling centre may have new sponsoring body

by **TERRY GOODWIN**
Haliburton County Counselling
Centre Advisory Committee

At the last meeting of the Haliburton County Counselling Centre Advisory Committee, the issue of membership was discussed. SIRCH was to meet with existing members, recruit new members as necessary according to the terms of reference, then call a meeting in January. We are changing that plan as a result of a decision made in December by the SIRCH Board of Directors.

A special board meeting was held in December to look at the focus of SIRCH and the future of its programs. In this regard, the board also discussed the Counselling Centre, and the implications of the Community Investment Fund for SIRCH, as well as implications of funding cuts and other issues.

Subsequent to that meeting the board notified the Community Health Branch of the Ministry of Health that if, after community consultation, an appropriate sponsoring body can be found to deliver mental health services to individuals with a serious mental illness/serious dysfunctions

and their families more suitably than SIRCH, the board would be willing to divest its base Ministry of Health funding for these services. Whatever decision was made would also apply to the "new" Ministry of Health Community Investment funding (for case management services to the seriously mentally ill) which was to have come to SIRCH.

Ministry of Health is in agreement with this course of action. Later in January, the chairpersons of SIRCH, Haliburton Kawartha and Pine Ridge District Health Council and the Acting Health Services Board will be jointly hosting a community meeting which will start to look at the best way of setting up mental health services for Haliburton County residents and who should provide them.

When a decision is made regarding deinvestment, it will be apparent whether we need to reconfigure the advisory committee for the Counselling Centre.

If you have questions or want to discuss this further, please feel free to contact Jane Heyes, Gena Robertson or myself by contacting 457-1742.

Boonieville

by Charlie Telfer

THE SNOW HAS
GOTTEN TOO DEEP..
I DON'T THINK I
CAN GO ON..



..GETTING SO COLD..
CAN'T FEEL MY TOES..
MUST ..KEEP MOVING..



I FEAR THE END IS NEAR
..SO MANY THINGS LEFT
UNDONE ..SO MANY
THINGS LEFT UNSAID..
MAMA ..REMEMBER
I LOVE YOU..



OH PLEASE!!
WILL YOU JUST
SHOVEL!!



IS THAT
YOU MAMA..?

Atom Cs net wins on road

by JANICE CHAMBERS

The Huskies were on a road trip last weekend. They did a lot of travelling over the holidays but always came home with a win. This weekend the Huskies met face to face with Ops. The team was two men short, Brock Thomas on holidays and Joel Johnson out for a couple of games because of a sinus operation - we wish him a speedy recovery.

Two minutes into the play, Kyle Boughner, centre, and his trusty winger, Dan Craig, raced down the ice controlling the puck and Kyle banging in the first for the Huskies. Then just two minutes later, Kyle took command again with Adam Frybort at his side. The period ended with Jason Chambers and Jeff Packard showing their stuff, Jeff outdoing Ops' netminder. The second period brought the tiring Huskies just one goal with Jeff Packard getting his second past Ops and Dan being his play maker. In the third period the Huskies got their second wind with Kyle and Dan teaming up for Kyle's hat trick. Then to finish the period Jason and Kyle skated side by side, passing the puck down the ice, Kyle winding up for a shot on net and Jason taking the rebound and slipping the puck past Ops netminder ending the game 6 - 0. The boys showed great stamina playing an extraordinary game with the defence never missing their opportunity and Alex Frybort coming up with his fifth shutout of the season.

The previous weekend, in another game against Ops, Alex Frybort worked ever so hard in

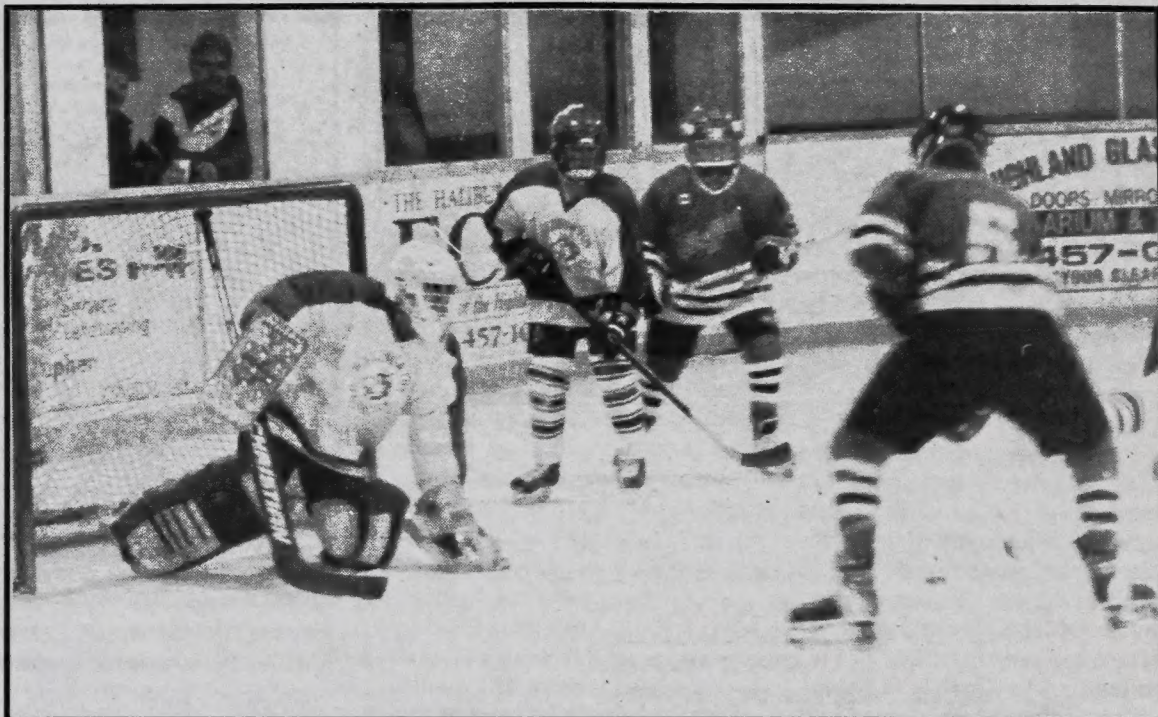
net. The game started with Jeff Packard and Jason Chambers making their way up the ice and Jeff pounding the puck past Ops. Early in the second period Jason soon fixed a 1 - 1 tie, banging in an unassisted short-handed goal for Haliburton. Alex's big brother Adam was at it again too, ending the second period with his fast, hard wrist shot for the Huskies' third goal. Assists went to Jeff and Jason.

The third period was exciting. The boys never let up and outskated the opposition for control of the period and scored four more prize winning goals: Jeff with one goal and one assist; Joel Johnson with two goals; Brock Thomas with one goal and one assist; Kyle Boughner with two assists; Jason with two assists; and Jonathan Sharpley with two assists. The game was 7 - 2 for Haliburton. Many thanks to Travis Burke, Jonathan Sharpley and Justin Abbs for their hard work and helping us out.

In a December 18 match against Sunderland, Huskie goals were scored by Adam Frybort, Kyle Boughner, Joel Johnson and Jason Chambers.

Assists went to Corey Poole, André Nichol, Dan Craig, Jeff Packard and Brock Thomas. Alex Frybort earned another shutout.

On December 23 against Bracebridge, Justin Abbs, Jesse Johnson, Jason Chambers and André Nichol scored the Huskies' six goals, assists going to Adam Frybort, Kyle Boughner, Jason, Jesse and Brock. Final score 6 - 1 Haliburton.



JUST TRY IT: Huskie goaltender Adam Wilson and defenceman Bobby Hebert were kept busy during Saturday's PeeWee tournament game against Stouffville. Adam took many shots on net, making great saves on most of them. However, Stouffville was triumphant and went on to be tournament champions.

OMHA PeeWee tourney Huskies battle for win in B Championship

by LAURIE CURRY

The Haliburton OMHA PeeWees hosted their own tournament this past weekend. Starting at the crack of dawn (well, 8:00), the Huskies got on the ice with the Minden Monarchs. With both teams playing hard the Huskies came up with a 5 - 1 win.

Scorers for the Huskies were Shane Campbell, assist Scot Curry and Jamie Luck; Jamie unassisted; Cole Glendinning, assisted by Adam Henry and Jeffrey Wilson; Adam Henry assisted by Cole; and Jeffrey assisted by Bobby Hebert.

The Huskies' second game was against Stouffville, the boys coming up short on a 5 - 1 score. The goal scorer for this game

was Jeffrey Wilson assisted by Nick Cochrane and Adam Henry.

This loss put the Huskies into the B division. This was also a hard-fought battle by both teams. Beaverton got

the first goal of the game in the first period. The Huskies came up with two goals in the third to win the B Championship.

The goals were scored by Nick Cochrane assisted by Jamie Johnson and Ryan Wood assisted by Cole Glendinning and Bobby Hebert.

The A Championship ended up being won by Stouffville.

The C Championship was won by Penetang.

The D Championship was won by Bancroft.

The Huskies played two games prior to this tournament, one on Tuesday night against Sunderland. The Huskies won 6 - 1.

Scorers for the Huskies were Jeffrey Wilson with three goals, one assist; Ryan Wood, one goal, one assist; Nick Cochrane, one goal, one assist; and Jason Woodcox, one goal.

And on Thursday night the boys played in Bobcaygeon also winning this game 6 - 2.

Scorers for this game were Scot Curry, one goal; Jeffrey Wilson, two goals, one assist; Nick Cochrane, two goals; Cole Glendinning, one goal.

With only two regular season games left to be played, the Huskies are on a roll.

Our next game will be on Tuesday night at 7 p.m. against Minden.

Men's Skyline Bonspiel to hit the ice this weekend

The 37th Skyline Men's Curling Bonspiel in Haliburton starts at 4 p.m. on January 12 and continues January 13 and 14. The finals are at 2 p.m. Sunday.

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Rockets fire in tournaments

'Immaculate' goaltending defeats Wilberforce Novices in consolation round

by SUE CLARKSON
Wilberforce Minor Hockey

Novice Tournament

The Wilberforce Novices attended a two-day tournament in Peterborough and Warsaw after Christmas. In the first game they handily defeated a Peterborough Church League team 4 - 1 sending them to the A side of the tournament. Next they faced the Bobcaygeon Novice OMHA team. Despite a valiant team effort and great goaltending by Chris Johnston, they were simply out-gunned by the Cougars losing 5 - 2. This sent the Rockets against Immaculate Conception, another Church League team to decide the A Consolation round. It was an even game with good opportunities at both ends but the Immaculate goaltender was aptly named as he held the Rockets to three goals while his team managed five. Rocket goals were recorded by Kevin Bowman, Tim Pettit, Josh MacKay, Gavin Swan and Andy Sayers for his first of the season. Keep up the good work Andy. There were several assists but were not recorded by the timekeeper. All players received medallions and MVP awards were given to Chris Johnston and Tim Pettit.

On Saturday, December 30 the Novice Rockets faced Beaverton. The first period was a dead heat with one goal each.

Aaron Donaldson scored for Wilberforce on a nice headman pass from Gavin Swan. In the second the Blades came on strong offensively putting the Rockets back on their heels. Wilberforce rallied in the third but were unable to put the puck where it counted. The Blades won 3 - 1.

The PeeWee's only game over the holidays involved travelling to Sutton. For the first two periods the team did everything right to get ahead of the Sharks and were up 3 - 1. The Rockets played their positions extremely well and passed very effectively. After the break the team's play slowed down considerably, with three regular members away. They should have won this one as they definitely outplayed the other team. Everyone played really well. Points went to: Chris Alden with one of each, Corby Semple helped on two, Ira Arsenault and Chris Peacock netted one each and David Arsenault notched one assist. Final score: Sutton 4 - Rockets 3.

The last game the Atoms played was at a December 16 tournament so an exhibition game at the end of December was a welcomed match. The boys travelled to Bobcaygeon with only nine of their regular twelve players and one defenceman ill. The Rockets got on the scoreboard first only to have

Bobcaygeon tie it up by the end of that period, 3 - 3. In the second the Rockets went ahead by one but the Cougars produced three more in the third. Final score: Cougars 6 - Rockets 4. Mitchell Clarkson scored his first natural hat trick plus one with assists going to Matt Manary, Matthew Reil, Brandon Logan and Ben DeCarlo twice. We'd like to welcome Thomas MtPleasant to the team. He had been practising with the boys for some time getting into game shape and this was his first game.

The Tykes - eight of them - travelled to Bobcaygeon last Thursday. This was a pretty one-sided affair as the Rockets blasted eight goals by the Cougars. Wilberforce netted four in the first and four in the third. The whole team worked hard to come up with this win. Chris Roberts didn't see very much action around his goal crease, and illness befell Daniel Riley during the game. Adam DeCarlo, who also wasn't feeling well, and Jessie MacKay, worked hard to score a hat trick and two assists each, Shayne Gillick netted one and helped on two. Jonathon Belbin produced one of each, Galen Bowman helped on two and Steven Meharrrie tallied an assist. Final score: Rockets 8 - Cougars 1. Good work boys. The team is happy to know that further surgery wasn't necessary for Travis MacKay and he will be back practising with the team next week. Welcome back, Travis.

PeeWee Tournament
The PeeWee's first tournament

of the season landed them in Fenelon Falls on a very cold Saturday. In the first round they played Innisfil. The first period was tight with both teams playing hard and six penalties tallied. The Rockets' offence exploded in the second as four goals were netted and one more in the third. Chris Alden and Corby Semple produced two and helped on one each, David Arsenault scored one and Jeremy Huffman and Ira Arsenault worked hard for an assist each. Joe Carey did a super job in net earning a well deserved shutout. The defensive efforts of Adam Clarkson, Ira Arsenault, Chris Peacock and Corby Semple helped complete this shutout win. Final score: Rockets 5, Innisfil 0.

After popping Pepto Bismol and Tylenol into a few unhealthy team members, as well as one finding a pile of hockey bags to take a nap, the team was set to play the home team. Furious pressure by the Rockets early in this game resulted in a great goal by Chris Alden snapped in from the hash marks. In the second, Ian Brown grabbed the puck and took off on a break-away and scored a beauty to bring the team up to 2 - 0. Joe Carey had two Fenelon players skate toward his net on a break-away and he raced ahead and poked the puck in a brave play to protect the score. The boys were looking a little slow and Fenelon put on great pressure to score twice to tie the game within two minutes. It looked like overtime but thanks to a nice pass by Ken Mott, Corby Semple brought the team ahead with only 38 seconds

left. Final score: Rockets 3 - Fenelon Falls 2. This game was a rarity in PeeWee circles - penalty-free. Well done! Off to the A Championship round.

7:00 p.m. and the tired Rockets took to the ice against Cobourg, who had been waiting since 1:00 p.m., and had obviously scouted our team well. Their defence was extremely strong and our guys had a tough time penetrating it. Early in the second Cobourg was up by two but the Rockets tied it up within two minutes. Just before the end of the second we lost one of our defencemen to a major penalty. Both teams scored again in this close game with the Rockets snapping one in short-handed. Tied again but Cobourg produced two more in less than a minute late in the game to win. Final score: Cobourg 5 - Rockets 3. Ken Mott, Chris Alden and Corby Semple each scored a goal and Ian Brown helped on one. Congratulations to the A Finalists mentioned above and Jeremy Huffman, Michael Jones, Christopher Peacock, Joe Carey, Ira Arsenault, David Arsenault and Adam Clarkson.

Next week's home games: All teams play at home on Saturday, January 13 with the Mites at 12:30 p.m., Tykes at 1:45 p.m., Novices at 3:00 p.m., Atoms at 4:15 p.m. and the PeeWees at 5:00 p.m. who are starting their playoff schedule. On Sunday, January 14 the Novice team will play at 2:30 p.m. and the PeeWees at 3:30 p.m. Please come out and cheer our teams on.

Dog sled race attracts top mushers to Minden

Once again, the Minden Techni-Cal Challenge is attracting the top mushers from across North America. Fans of winter sports will be converging on Minden on January 20-21 to see the top athletes, human and canine, compete in the 12th running of the world's largest limited-class sled-dog race, sponsored by Martin Pet Foods.

Among those competing for the \$25,100 purse and maximum points towards the 1996 racing season's medals are: Ralph Whitten of California - 1995 Eight-Dog Gold Medallist; Stuart Osthoff of Minnesota - 1995 Six-Dog Silver Medallist; Bruce McNeill of Ontario - 1995 Four-Dog Silver Medallist; Lou Serre of Ontario - 1995 Four-Dog Bronze Medallist; Lionel Pettit of Quebec - 1995 Eight-Dog Bronze Medallist; Charlie Odegaard of Arizona - 1995 Four-Dog Gold Medallist.

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Racing begins each day at 10:00 a.m., at the start/finish line on Main Street. The kid-and-mutt race, a perennial favourite of this family-oriented weekend, starts about 3:00 p.m. on the Saturday afternoon. Prizes are handed out on Sunday afternoon after the final times have been tallied.



HANDING OVER THE KEYS: Highland Marine owner Chris Wagg (right) hands Minden OPP Constable Mark Davis the keys to two Arctic Cat snow machines the marina is donating to the detachment for the 1995/1996 season. Police plan to use the machines primarily for patrolling trails.



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Novice Bs end 16-game winning streak

by GINNY HEMING

The Haliburton Novice Bs finally met their match, a team from Mariposa! On Saturday December 30th, the Huskies were missing three players so Adam Sisson was recruited from the Novice C team to give the Novice Bs a total of eight players plus a goalie.

The first period started out with terrific hockey action by both teams. Mariposa would be the first to get on the scoreboard but in the second period Haliburton tied it up. Nick Judge started the attack with a pass up the right side to Kyle Espie. Espie threaded a pass to Jonathan Sharpley in the slot who fired a shot, the rebound came out and Nick Judge was right there to bang it in. Two minutes later Travis Burke passed to Adam Sisson who fed the puck to Nick Judge who blasted a shot from the point. However, Mariposa scored two more goals going ahead 3-2.

The third period was very exciting. The Huskies did create some scoring chances but the Mariposa goalie was solid between the posts. Mariposa won 5-2. Sometimes no matter how hard you try it's not enough to win, and fatigue was certainly a factor for the Huskies in the third period.

In Tournament action the Novice B Huskies travelled to an OMHA (Novice A) Tournament in Bobcaygeon on

January 6th and 7th. The Huskies were expecting some stiff competition and they certainly found it! Again they were playing without three players.

The first game was against Fenelon Falls. Fenelon started the attack with a goal but the the rest of the period remained scoreless as both teams played flawlessly. In the second Fenelon really came alive as they fired a barrage of 17 pucks at the Husky netminder, finding the mark with four.

I want you to visualize the perspiration and determination of these magnificent Huskies as they never gave up, with only two spare players on the bench while the other team had eight spares. Finally it paid off as Nick Judge scored, unassisted to steal a shut out away from Fenelon. Unfortunately the Huskies could not put any more pucks in the net, and Fenelon scored twice more to win 7-1. You should be very proud of how well you played!!

The second game was against Lindsay. Adam Sisson joined the Huskies to add an eighth player to the team - thanks Adam! Lindsay opened up the scoring in the first period with 3 goals in 5 minutes. Then Haliburton scored with a beautiful display of stick handling and deking by Nick Judge.

The second period was controlled by Lindsay as they outshot Haliburton 12-0 and scored six unanswered goals.

In the third, Lindsay would score one

more before Huskies would score again. With 1 minute left in the game Nick Judge fired a shot and Adam Sisson was right there for the rebound and drove it home! The game ended with the score 10-2 for Lindsay.

The third game was Sunday at 9am against Bomanville, a team that would be the best match of the tournament. The pace was fast and furious as each team scrambled for control and goals. Bowmanville scored first, but Haliburton kept the pressure on outshooting them 7-3. The second period saw many scoring opportunities for each team squashed by the dynamic goalies - this would become a goaltenders' battle! Bowmanville got a lucky one before Kyle Espie passed to Nick Judge who banged it ahead to Jonathan Sharpley. Sharpley raced to the net and fired it in between the pads.

The third period would make the difference in this game as the Huskies started to tire but gave 100 percent effort! Jonathan Sharpley passed to Kyle Espie who took a shot, then Nick Judge banged in the rebound. The game ended Bowmanville 4, Haliburton 2. Jonathan Sharpley was named M.V.P. for the game and brings home a trophy. A fantastic team effort by all!! It will be great to see Justin Abbs, Calvin Roswell, and Shawn Heming back in the lineup on Wednesday as the Huskies challenge Ennismore on home ice at 7:00 pm.

GOLDIE'S CURLING CORNER

GOLDIE FOSTER

Happy New Year everyone! Some old news from last year to catch up on first.

The Haliburton Seniors Curling Club held its annual Christmas dinner and dance on December 15 at the Legion. The largest crowd in the history of the Seniors Club - 154 members - enjoyed and excellent roast beef dinner served by the Ladies Auxiliary and danced all night to the music of Kidd Kountry. The executive would like to thank the Ladies Auxiliary and Jim Tice for their cooperation.

Bowes and Cocks held their third annual Christmas party at the club December 15. The mini spiel was won by Gloria Foster's rink along with Carol Craigmyle and Vince Jarvis, followed by a gourmet pot luck dinner and a gift exchange. A great time was had by all.

The Carnarvon Lumber Mixed Bonspiel is fast approaching February 2 and 3. There are openings available. Call Phil or Jane Myers A.S.A.P. to register before it's too late.

The "Do Nots" in curling: #1 - Do not wear street shoes or boots onto the ice surface. It guarantees dirty ice and a bad game and it also makes Harry mad. See you next week.

Raptors would become extinct if Wilberforce Oldtimer Ken Riley had his way

Anyone who reads the sports pages or watches SportsLine has noticed the extensive coverage of the Toronto Raptors and basketball in general. The investigative reporter that I am, I decided to watch a Raptors game. I was not impressed. Every two seconds a horn or

whistle was going off, on almost every rush there was a foul (penalty) slowing the game to a crawl. The games would be much lower scoring if Michael Jordan had to try and slam dunk it past Patrick Roy! Then there's their outfits; I haven't seen this many guys in long baggy shorts

since my last trip to Miami! What's with all the shaved

heads? It looks like a Buddhist boot camp! No thanks!

Due to the holidays we're behind in our reporting. The results for December 28 are: Hawks over Apsley 7 - 2, Clarkson Plumbers got by Rainbow Auto Glass 4 - 1 and Wilberforce downed Ban. Can. Tire 6 - 3.

The league sputtered into the new year with the cancellation of game one. The Clarkson Plumbers failed to materialize, handing Apsley an easy two

points. Did the Plumbers stay home to watch the Raptors?

It was a good thing the Apsleyites were well rested, because they had to supplement an understaffed Rainbow Auto Glass in their battle with Ban. Can. Tire. Try as they might the Rainbows came up on the short end of a 4 - 0 score. Finding net for the Tiremen were James Goodwinn, Ralph Keeler, Lloyd Peters and Ted Van Duesen. Goaltender Craig Watson posted his third shutout of the season.

The last match of the night had the Hal. Hawks and the Wilber. Golden Ponders. The teams traded goals back and forth for the

first two and a half periods, heading into the final minutes tied at five. It was then the Hawks turned on the after burners, getting three late ones to win it 8 - 5. The Hawks' Derrell Stamp led his team with the hat trick, Ted Vasey had two, singles went to Dan Ambridge and Bob Woodcock. Hitting nothing but net for the Ponders was Royden Hawley with three, Perry Best got two. Special thanks to fill-in refs Phil Rusaw and Al Gronman.

Next week don't stay at home and watch full-grown men in funny clothes run around in circles, come to the rink and watch full-grown men in funny clothes skate around in circles!

THE VICTORIA-HALIBURTON FEDERAL PROGRESSIVE CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION WILL HOLD IT'S ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING on Wednesday January 31, 1996 at 7:30pm at the Legion in Coboconk

This meeting will consider:

1. Adoption of a new constitution in accordance with the new National constitution of the Progressive Conservative Party of Canada.
2. The election of a new Executive for the Association for the year 1996.
3. The selection of delegates to the Eastern Ontario Policy Conference to be held in Kingston, Ontario on February 10th and 11th.
4. A final meeting for input and consideration for the development of policy for a "Conservative Agenda for Canada" prior to the Regional Provincial and National Policy conferences.

Note:

Local policy meetings have been scheduled for 7:30pm at the following locations:-

Woodville -	Monday, January 8th, 1996 at the Brick Oven Restaurant
Haliburton-	Tuesday, January 9th, 1996 at the Haliburton Legion
Bobcaygeon -	Wednesday, January 10, 1996 at the Committee Room, Christ Anglican Church, 43 Sherwood Street
Lindsay -	Thursday, January 11, 1996, LCVI, Room #134 for youth participants (25 and under)
Manvers -	Monday, January 15, 1996 at the Manvers Community Centre

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Bantams begin '96 with stronger skills

by ROGER DART

Entering 1996 the Haliburton OMHA Bantam Huskies are coming together as a team. Effective, aggressive team play on the ice is coupled with a looseness on the bench. Coaches Gary Burtch and Peter Forgrave are more than pleased with the team effort. On the other hand, the whole team is concerned as rugged winger Mike Morissette will be missed as he sits out the rest of the season after suffering a knee injury while skiing.

In the latter part of December and early January the Bantams hammered out a record of 3 wins, 2 ties and a loss in league play. Backed by the solid goal tending of Greg Schell the Huskies are "in" every game playing well enough to win most games easily. However, all of the games have been close as the team's one weakness is putting the puck in the net.

At home in mid-December, Woodville was out to avenge a thrashing by Haliburton a week earlier. Nevertheless a much improved Woodville squad had to settle for a 3 to 3 tie as Stevie Wonder scored with only 46 seconds left in the game for Haliburton's never-say-die Huskies. This was St. Cyr's second goal of the game with Darol Sisson firing the other.

In Beaverton, Haliburton continued their domination of their play-off rivals with their third win in as many games this season. As the penalty minutes rose the Huskie snipers in the 4 to 3 victory were Captain Matt Burk, Chris Moynes, Greg Forgrave and Blayne Saunders.

Back in Haliburton, Fenelon Falls fell victim to the Huskies. Jason Henry joined Burk, Moynes and Saunders in the scoring in the 4 to 1 win.

The Bantams final game of 1995 in Cannington was a rough and tumble affair. The Huskies held their own physically and won on the scoreboard 3 to 2. Huskie goal scorers were centre Forgrave and defencemen Devon Dart and Matt Reid with shots from the point. Defencemen Shane Parks and Andrew Burtch sparkled in this hard hitting game.

Back in Cannington a week later in their first league game of 1996 the Huskies were embarrassed losing 4 to 2. It was really a one-goal game as Cannington's 4th goal was scored into an empty net. The effort was there but, as so often has been the case, the Huskies had trouble around the net. Burk and Sisson did the scoring for Haliburton.

The next night in Minden the Huskies put in another good effort skating to a 2 to 2 tie with

the usually high scoring Monarchs. After Steve Ecclestone and Jason Horsley staked Minden to a 2 goal lead Blayne Saunders put the Huskies back in the game with a short-handed goal and goalie Greg Schell kept them there with a dazzling save to end the second period. Greg Forgrave salvaged the tie for Haliburton on a heads up play in a goal mouth scramble in the third period.

On January 3rd the Bantam Huskies saw tournament action in Madoc. Their first game was an easy 6 to 3 win over a Peterborough Minor Hockey Association Select team. Winger Allan Pugh and defenceman Matt Billings led the Huskies with 2 goals each while line mates Steve St. Cyr and Jason Henry had 1 apiece. In their second game Haliburton met the tournament favourites from Stirling. The Huskies were Stirling's match. As regulation time ran out the score was tied 1 to 1 on the strength of Billings' third goal of the day. A 5 minute sudden-death overtime period did not settle the game and the Huskies finally bowed out of the tournament in a shoot-out.

Novice As dominate match against Minden

by WALTER TOSE

The Haliburton Novice As played an exhibition match against Minden on Jan. 2nd in Minden. The Monarchs are the only team to have beaten the Huskies in regular season play, so the Huskies were eager for this return match. This game also presented an excellent opportunity for the Huskies to prepare for a tournament coming up on the weekend in South River.

The Huskies played very well and, with the exception of the last part of the second period, tended to dominate the play. Defenceman Adam Hutson was missing for this game but the remaining trio of Terry Bannon, Andy Dawson and Daniel Jung did a very capable job. Goaltender Jeremy Moynes played exceptionally well, making several outstanding saves in the first two periods to keep the game from ever getting close.

Meanwhile the Husky forwards went to work, sparked by the solid, steady play of Jesse Johnson and the tremen-

dous hustle of Ross Gerry and Josh Brown. Ross showed outstanding hustle in his back-checking and fore-checking and has really improved his ability to set up passing plays. With help from Brandon Bowman, Adrian Winn and some dazzling stick-handling by Matthew Roberts, the Husky forwards built up a 5-0 lead by the 12-minute mark of the second period. Then some signs of fatigue began to show and Minden capitalized, scoring two goals.

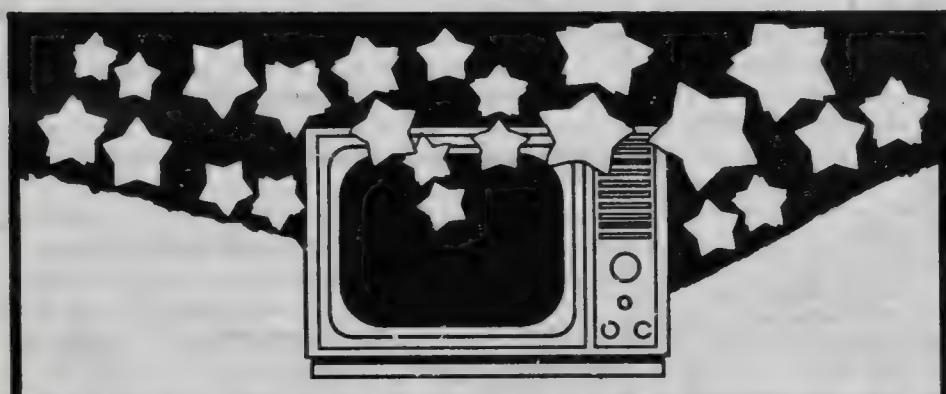
In the third period the Huskies settled down to play solid defence. Final score: Haliburton 5 Minden 2. Goal scorers for the Huskies were Andy Dawson, Matthew Roberts, Josh Brown, Jesse Johnson and Brandon Bowman. Ross Gerry and Josh Brown picked up 2 assists each while Adrian Winn, Jesse Johnson and Andy Dawson added singles.

The Huskies play their last regular season game against the Monarchs in Minden on January 13th for first place overall in the league.

Central Wolves play in Wilberforce

The Central Ontario Wolves, which feature three players from the Highlands, will play at the

Monmouth arena on Friday, January 26. An incorrect date appeared in last week's paper.



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Busy holidays bring influx of visitors

by SHEILA LAKE

David Marles spent the Christmas season with his daughter, Evelyn Marles in Toronto.

Ruby Pearce of Rosedale and her daughters and their families spent New Year's with Scott and Annie Robertson.

Relatives here attended the 40th wedding anniversary of Bill and Beryl Tamlin at Cambray recently.

Congratulations to Betty Winterburn and Brian Hannivan, who were married on Sunday.

Norman and Lorna Harris, their other sons, daughters and families were Christmas visitors of son Lloyd and his wife Kim and family in Lindsay.

Lloyd Faulkner of Belleville, and Rev. Art Bartlett of Lindsay, were Christmas visitors of Myrtle Faulkner and her nephew, Lawrence. Other recent visitors were Joe Maguire of Minden, Jim and Norma Hall of

Lindsay, her daughter Sandra of Trenton, and John and Gwen Faulkner and family of Peterborough.

We, daughter, Heather and Clint and family, spent Christmas with Robert and Marilyn Lake, and Rob, at Peterborough. On Boxing Day, Clint, Heather and family, and us, enjoyed a lovely time with my sister, Denna and Bill White, at Ajax.

Get well wishes to Harvey Farrow and Bob Barbour, who have both recently been in Ross Memorial Hospital.

Fred and Yvonne Brecht recently enjoyed a visit with daughter Jana and her husband Rob, and baby, and with son Karl and his wife who came from Toronto.

The David Campbells visited with his brother, Jeff Campbell and family at Simcoe, and visited again with Dave and Jeff's mom from Winnipeg. Later, they enjoyed a visit with Laurie's

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parents, Bunny and Annaleen Miles of Norwood.

We have lost several residents or ex-residents this winter. Gordon Cavanaugh passed away at Minden, Hyland Crest. He was a familiar figure about town, until he went to Minden last summer.

Marg Hannivan passed away suddenly on December 19 and Doug Michel passed away suddenly last week.

Marvin and Helen Lee lost their son John suddenly and Harold (Wally) Wallace, died after a long illness.

Helen Bradamore and Ken Murchinson lost their sister, Olive Black, at Lindsay, on December 26, after a short illness. Our sympathy to the

bereaved families at this time. Andrea Chynoweth, also passed away suddenly prior to Christmas and on Sunday, December 31. May Broumley, mother of John, passed away. Certainly a sad start to a New Year for many.

I got a letter from Wendy Spino in Greece, posted December 11, and she said she was busy picking her olives. Yes, Claire, your daughter Wendy is just fine, and I'm sure, happy to be living in sunny Greece. Wendy was a dear gal who lived with us years ago, and her mom is at Minden.

A good crowd turned out to the "barn sing" at the Bill and Gayla Davey farm, where we sat on bales of hay in the barn, and sang carols, went for horse sleigh rides and visited over hot chocolate and donuts. A few nights later, we enjoyed horse and wagon rides around town, singing carols, then meeting at the church for hot chili and hot

drinks. The annual candlelight Christmas service at Faith Tabernacle was well attended and New Year's eve saw a good crowd enjoying a pot luck supper, followed by a time of music and a Christian film.

Grace Young over at Head Lake was shocked and saddened when her van and her garage were destroyed by fire early Sunday morning. What a New Year's greeting that would be!

Clara Schell spent the holiday season with her sister, Flossie Welcher, in Peterborough.

Barb Murchinson spent a week with daughter, Debbie Pereira at Acton, prior to Christmas.

John and Jennifer Hudson of Oakwood visited her parents, Jack and Jean Batty. They had visited with John's sister, Joan Kidd, at Laronge, Saskatchewan.

Happy birthday to Rotha Bryant who celebrates her 83rd birthday on January 4 and to Claire Fielder who was 84 on January 5.

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NEW YEAR'S REVELLERS: About 40 Gooderham youngsters brought in the New Year at a dance organized by Youth Sports.

West Guilford: Church service marks 1996

by ELEANOR COOPER

News notes are being written earlier than usual this week due to a trip to see my folks in Pickering.

At St. Andrew's on

Kennisis residents organize community police group

by SUZANNE THIVIERGE
Kennisis Community Police Chairperson

Kennisis Community Policing had its inaugural meeting to elect a formal committee. The December 7 meeting at Haliburton Forest and Wildlife was well attended.

The majority of members present, comprised of year round residents, were supportive to the area concerns regarding helping to provide a safer place to live.

A special thanks to Ben Manuge of the Minden OPP as a valuable guide in our discussions and to Peter and Elka of Haliburton Forest for the meeting place.

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NOTICE

Glamorgan Township's regular Council Meeting will be changed from January 16, 1996 to January 24, 1996 at 7:00 p.m.

New Year welcomed in style

This New Year was ushered in with style, by both the youth and adults in Gooderham. At the Youth New Year Dance the year was welcomed a little early (9 p.m., on Saturday) by forty youngsters enthusiastically wielding their noisemakers.

The youth dance was organized by Bill Shaw, who runs the Saturday

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Anne Costeloe
447-2400

night Youth Sports. Eric Billings did a terrific job as the disc jockey. (Perhaps Eric should consider a career change for '96!) Paddy Taylor gener-

ously loaned his stereo equipment, and disc collection.

The Recreation Committee organized a New Year's dance at the community centre. At this dance the New Year was ushered in at the traditional time.

The Gooderham Seniors held a Family Free Skate at the Wilberforce arena on Friday, December 29. More than 130 people enjoyed the family event.

Unfortunately, despite the best intentions of most local residents, '96 got off to a rocky start. While most people were making their New Year's resolutions, (for a better year) someone was breaking in the township garage, and removing equipment. The provincial government also sent a stern reminder that we need to be particu-

larly careful with our resources - a 17% cut in provincial funding in the township.

Parent Support Services will be holding a winter clothing exchange on Thursday, January 11, from 10 until 12. This will be held at the Pentecostal Church, with a selection of good used winter clothing. Coffee, refreshments and babysitting are provided. Donations of winter clothing are welcome.

The CHACE Mobile pre-school program will be at the Glamorgan Community Centre on alternate Thursday mornings from 10 until 12. This month the pre-school play program will be held on the 9th and 23rd. This program provides an excellent opportunity for pre-schoolers to play with others their own age.

Wilberforce seniors resume luncheons

by HILDA CLARK

While settling back into routine activities, it's pleasant to think about the good times of the recent holidays. A good crowd welcomed in the New Year at the Harcourt Hall, enjoying the live music of the band "Clover". At the popular Legion party in Wilberforce a full house danced to the music of DJ Ken Steele. Others enjoyed smaller get-togethers, often in homes.

Monmouth Seniors have resumed their Tuesday luncheon meetings. If any seniors still haven't joined, you would be very welcome. The club always welcomes new members and new ideas. The seniors sponsor euchre parties; the next will be Friday, January 19 at the Lloyd Watson Centre. On Fridays when there is no euchre at the centre, you can play at Maple View in the Rec. Room. For avid euchre players try Monday evenings at Highland Grove Rec. Hall and Thursday night in Cardiff!

Though a warm spell would be a nice change, the cold and snow have provided a great base for fine trails for both skiers and snowmobilers. What fun these hardy trail riders seem to be having as the hum of their machines is heard across the countryside. How well-equipped they seem to be when spotted at local restaurants and service stations. Reports are that cross country skiing has been excellent especially at Silent Lake Park.

Be sure to get your tickets for the Robbie Burns Dinner and Celebrations at the Wilberforce Legion. It will be held this year on Saturday, January 20. It's always a fine dinner with good Scottish piping and dancing.

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al proposes to enact at its regular meeting to be held on Monday, February 12th, 1996 a by-law to close, stop-up and convey part of the original road allowance between Lot 5 and 6 in Concession XII, in the Township of Dudley, in the County of Haliburton.

WHICH SAID PARCEL or tract of land is illustrated and shown as Parts 4,5,7,8,9,10,11,12 and 14 on Plan 19R-6109, being available for inspection in the office of the Planning Administrator at the Municipal Office in Haliburton, Ontario.

BEFORE PASSING the said by-law at its meeting to be held as noted above, the Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al shall then and there hear in person or by his counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his land will be affected by the said by-law.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION is available for review from the Planning Department at the Municipal Office during regular hours (9:00am to 5:00pm Monday to Friday).

DATED at the Township of Dysart, this 15th day of December, 1995.

Patricia E. Martin
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Chapter 302, Section 298 and Section 301 of the Municipal Act, R.S.O. 1990, as amended, that the Township of Glamorgan proposes to consider and if deemed advisable, to pass at its regular meeting to be held at the Council Chambers, Gooderham, Ontario on Wednesday, the 21st day of February, 1996, a By-law to close, stop-up and convey to the adjacent land owners the following described lands:

Part of the Shore Road Allowance along BarkLake in Front of Lots 12 & 13, Concession 10, Township of Glamorgan, County of Haliburton being Part 1 on Plan 19R-6152.

The Plan of Survey 19R-6152 as referred to above is available for inspection during regular office hours at the Township of Glamorgan offices, Gooderham, Ontario.

AND TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that before passing the said By-law at the meeting to be held at the time and place above mentioned, the Township of Glamorgan shall then and there hear in person or by his counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his, her or their lands will be affected by the said By-Law and who applies to be heard.

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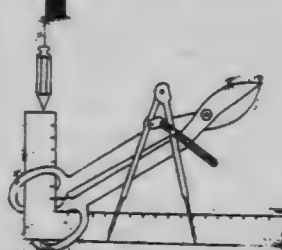
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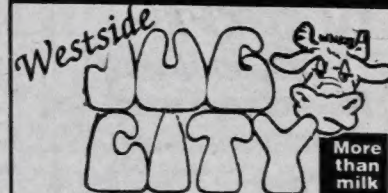
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THE HALIBURTON COUNTY ASSOCIATION FOR COMMUNITY LIVING presents their annual fund-raising event "DARE TO SKI" This event takes place on **Sat., Jan. 27, 1996** at Sir Sam's Ski Area Registration is from **9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.** Pledge sheets can be picked up at our office or at the ski hill. Come out and support your local association and win prizes. For more information call Cheryl, 457-2626. CA

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310 NOTICES

THE NORTHERN EAGLE CAMPER'S ASSOCIATION is pleased to announce that as of December 9

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HALIBURTON COUNTY HOME SUPPORT SERVICES invites you to participate in their **Strategic Planning Session on Wed., January 31, 1996 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.** at our Drop-in Centre, Echo Hills Legion Building, corner of Robertson Rd. and Eastern Ave., Haliburton. **RSVP by January 22, 457-2941 or 1-800-567-2941** CA

NOTICE The Northern Eagle Campers' Association will no longer be held responsible for any and all debts incurred by B. Luckie or Eagle Variety as of December 9, 1995. CA

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330 THANK YOU

GOSTOCK: The family of the late Joyce Beverly Gostock wish to express our sincere thanks to relatives, friends and neighbours for their kind expression of sympathy during our recent loss. Thanks to all who called, sent cards, flowers and made donations. A special thanks to Rev. Christopher Greaves, Rev. Gerry Johnson, the organist and choir at St. George's Anglican Church, the A.C.W. for their kindness for providing a reception after the service, staff of the Gordon Monk Funeral Home, Dr. S. Ferracuti and all the nurses and staff at the Haliburton Hospital. **Al Gostock, Grace Atkinson.**

THE HALIBURTON LIONS CLUB would like to thank everybody who bought a Christmas tree from us. We would also like to thank the people of Haliburton Lumber, Shamrock Shell, West Guilford Shopping Centre and Emerson Lumber. **Chairman, Chris Nicholls, President, Doug King.**

360 ENGAGEMENTS

Len and Joyce Box are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter,
LISA
to
JEFF WARBURTON
son of Gary and Lois Warburton, to be wed in the summer of 1996. **CA**

370 WEDDINGS

The family of
CONNIE LETBY
are pleased to announce the marriage of their mother to
JERRY WARREN
which took place on
Jan. 6, 1996 at the Eagle Lake Community Church

390 DEATH NOTICES

AT REST
Suddenly at his residence
at Brady Lake, on
Mon., January 1, 1996
WALTER GEORGE
AUSTEN
In his 71st year.

Dear son of the late James and Eliza Austen, husband of Maizie of Minden. Dear father of Patricia and her husband Al Kwantes of Kamloops, B.C., Crystal and her husband Marc LeBlanc of Mississauga, Mary-Lou and her husband Carl Packard of Haliburton. Loving grandfather of Robbie, David, Crystal, Jennifer, Jeffrey and great grandfather of Brody. Dear brother of Nelson, Harry, Allen, Jim, Ellen and predeceased by Danny, Jack, Hugh, Bob, Laura, Kate and Jennie. Fondly remembered by Goldie Walker and Bob Ackersblade. Rested at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home, 127 Main Street, Minden from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Wednesday. Funeral Service was held in the chapel on Thursday, January 4 at 11:00 a.m. Spring interment Minden Cemetery. Memorial donations to Minden United Church or St. Paul's Anglican Church or Lung Association would be appreciated. **CA**

390 DEATH NOTICES

AT REST
Passed away at the
Haliburton Hospital on
Thurs., January 4, 1996
JOHN DAVID BARCLAY
In his 75th year.
He was a veteran of World War II and a retired employee of M.T.C. Loving husband of Peggy Davis. Dear father of Susan Elliott and her husband Bill, Pat Kyte and her husband Lewis, Kathryn Parrott and her husband Warren, Peter and his wife Susan. Loving grandfather of Eric Elliott, Matthew and Ryan Kyte, Lindsay Parrott, Jennifer Barclay. Brother of Dora Galloway. Nephew of Anne Barclay of New Jersey and remembered by many nieces and nephews. Predeceased by his parents David Barclay and Mariam White, and one grandson Bruce Elliott. Complete Funeral Service and Committal was held at St. Peter's Anglican Church, Maple Lake on Saturday, January 6th at 1:00 p.m. Cremation. Memorial donations to the St. Peter's Anglican Church would be appreciated by the family. Arrangements were entrusted to the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home, 127 Main Street, Minden. **CA**

AT REST
Suddenly at St. Joseph's
Hospital, Peterborough on
Sat., January 6, 1996
MAURINE MILDRED
ELLA FINLAY
(nee Mitchell)
In her 89th year.
Beloved wife of the late Donald E. Finlay, dear mother of Ian and his wife Jackie of Penticton, B.C., Don and his wife Kay of Tory Hill and predeceased by Phillip. Loving grandmother of 10 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren. Dear sister of the late Edna, Harold, Marion, Bud and fondly remembered by her nieces and nephews. Rested at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home, 127 Main St., Minden from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Monday. Funeral Service in the chapel on Tuesday, January 9th at 3:00 p.m. Spring interment South Wilberforce Cemetery. Memorial donations to the Heart and Stroke Foundation would be appreciated. **CA**

390 DEATH NOTICES

FOGWELL, FRANK DOUGLAS C.M.: Peacefully and suddenly at his residence on Tuesday, January 2, 1996 in his 77th year. Beloved husband of Millie Erridge. Loving father of Denise (Mrs. Earle Faulkner) of R.R. 1, Cobocok, and Ross and his wife Debbie of Norland. Dear Poppa of Jon, Scott, Brett, Eric, Kara, Jasmine, Lydia and Melody. Frank Fogwell was an active member of Pioneer Baptist Church, Norland; Chairman of C.S.S.M. Haliburton; Retired Director of Big Brothers of Canada, Lieut. Canadian Army; and Member of the Order of Canada. Friends called at the COBOK CONK COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME, Cameron St. (on Hwy. #35) in Cobocok, (705) 454-3913 on Friday, January 5, 1996 from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Then to PIONEER BAPTIST CHURCH, NORLAND, Hwy. #35, Norland on Saturday, January 6, 1996 for Funeral and Committal Services at 1 o'clock. Reception to follow. Spring interment Pinegrove Cemetery, Norland. As expressions of sympathy donations to Pioneer Baptist Church Memorial Fund or C.S.S.M. Haliburton would be appreciated by the family. "But now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love." 1 Cor 13:13. **CA**

AT REST
Suddenly at Haliburton
Hospital on Wednesday,
January 3, 1996
JOYCE BEVERLY
GOSTOCK
In her 62nd year.
Beloved wife of Alfred Gostock, dear daughter of Grace E. Atkinson of Bronte. Dear niece of George and Edith Bartley and cousin of Susan and Bill Little. Fondly remembered by her family and friends. Rested at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home, 127 Main St., Minden from 7-9 p.m., Friday. Then to St. George's Anglican Church, Haliburton for Funeral Service on Saturday, January 6 at 1:30 p.m. Cremation to follow. Memorial donations to the Heart and Stroke Foundation would be appreciated. **CA**

390 DEATH NOTICES

AT REST
Peacefully at the Oshawa
General Hospital, on
Saturday, January 6, 1996
GERTRUDE ELIZABETH
SIMMONS
In her 80th year.
Predeceased by her husbands George Simmons, Charles Traviss, and Stanley Hall. Loving mother of Jean (Mrs. Lorne Brohm) of Blackstock, Marjorie Power of Whitby, Joseph Hall of Sutton, Harry Hall of Stettler, Alberta, Edward Hall of Bobcaygeon, Linda Robinson of Whitby, Murray Hall of Ajax, John Hall of Pefferlaw, Daniel Hall of Innisfail, Alberta, Robert Hall of Toronto, Ella Mae McKee of Parry Sound and predeceased by Joan. Dear grandmother of 40 grandchildren and 35 great grandchildren. Dear sister of Vi Cooke, Steve Hancock, Herb Hancock, and predeceased by George, Sam, Harold, Max, Joe and Grace. Rested at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home, 127 Main St., Minden from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Monday. Funeral Service in the chapel on Tuesday, January 9, 1996 at 1:00 p.m. Spring interment Kinmount Cemetery. Memorial donations to the Minden Hospital Building Fund would be appreciated. **CA**

400 IN MEMORIAM

BARNUM, WILMA ELOISE - In loving memory of a dear mother and grandmother, who passed away January 13, 1993 and,
BARNUM, HARRY CLIFTON - In loving memory of a dear father and grandfather, who passed away January 19, 1981. In a little country graveyard, Where the gentle breezes blow Lie the ones we loved so much That we lost years ago. Time goes on With many changes, joys and sorrows, smiles and tears, But their memory will be cherished With the passing of the years. Sadly missed by **daughter Naomi, son-in-law Jim and grandson Jeff.**

400 IN MEMORIAM

BIRD, MARYLOU: In memory of Marylou Bird who passed away January 12, 1993. As we love her, so we miss her, In our memory she is dear, Loved, remembered, longed for always Bringing many a silent tear. Always remembered and loved, **Beau, Penny, Al, Jayce, Chad, Barb, Steve, Curtis, Gavin, Jim, Heather, Randy, Angie.**

HOUGHTON, FRED CHARLES: In memory of a dear Father and Grandfather who passed away January 12, 1992. What I'd give if I could say Hello, Dad, in the same old way; To hear your voice, see your smile, To sit with you and chat a while. So you who have a father, Cherish him with care, For you'll never know the heartache Till you see his vacant chair. Sadly missed and always remembered, **Bill, Julie, Krissy, Trish, Rod, Jennifer and John.**

HOUGHTON: In loving memory of my husband, Fred, January 12, 1992 and son, Jack, April 29, 1971. To see your face, to hear your voice, To sit and chat with you awhile To hear the stories that you told that everyone enjoyed so well There's not a day that goes by that we don't think of you. God has you in his keeping, We have you in our hearts. Always loved and missed, **wife Agnes, mother Irene, children and grandchildren.**

LEWIS, RUBY: In loving memory of our dear Mom, grandmother, great grandmother and great great grandmother, who passed away January 4, 1995. We often sit and think of you The things you used to say and do. Although we smile and make no fuss No one misses her more than all her family. Always remembered by **Mae, Millie, Doris and families.**

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News

Phyllis Briscoe
766-2237

Since we didn't have any news in last week, due to the fact I was absent from (but not by choice) for a few days, we will include the early January birthdays: Larry Bradbury, Carlo Bevilacqua, Carlo's uncle, our local Post Master, John Clayton, Mary Fitz-Gibbon and Ethan MacKay. Best wishes to all.

We hope that everyone had a great Christmas. Many visited relatives in other parts of the country, while others enjoyed having family and friends visit their homes and the turkey was cooked, as well as the mince pie and all the other goodies that accompany a Christmas feast. The weather co-operated beautifully, especially for those who had to travel.

Having had a month of winter already, and it is just the beginning of January, it appears that we

are in for a long winter. One positive note is that the days are getting longer.

I am sure many young matrons might be interested in a community kitchen. It is a group of ladies who meet to plan and prepare nourishing meals economically. You will meet new friends, learn new skills and share your own, save money on your food bill. Could be fun and interesting. If enough apply it would be held at the Dorset Rec. Centre. Please call 1-800-563-2008 or 645-4471 for information. Ask for Debbie Fitzmaurice.

The Lake of Bays is frozen over and the snowmobiles are taking advantage of it. The snowmobilers did such an excellent job of rescuing stranded motorists during the big snow storm that we can't help but congratulate them. So they can be useful lifesavers.

H.H. When you bake potatoes, if you wrap them in foil, they cook more quickly and the skin stays much softer.

HALIBURTON COUNTY Community Events

January 6 - February 3 Saturdays only
COMPLIMENTARY HOMEMADE SOUP & HOMEMADE BUN for snowmobilers and cross country skiers. Lochaven Inn Northshore Rd. 12:30-2:00pm. A donation to the 4Cs would be appreciated.

January 17, PRE-RENAISSANCE & RENAISSANCE STAINED GLASS IN GERMANY slide show, Rail's End Gallery 7:30 Registration required 457-2330 Non-members \$4.00, Members \$2.00

January 20-February 25 Saturdays & Sundays
ICE RACING Car racing on ice taking place at the Minden Community Centre grounds every weekend. Sponsored by the Kinsmen Club of Minden. Free to spectators. For more info call Tom Prentice 705-286-1171.

January 20, 21 MINDEN TECHNICAL CHALLENGE SLED DOG DERBY 12th Annual World's largest limited class speed race. 75 teams from across North America compete for Canada's largest purse of over \$25,000. Free to spectators. For more info call Val Loughheed at 705-286-1119 or Jack Brezina at 705-286-1288.

January 24 NELL, the award winning movie 7:00pm at the Molou Theatre, to support Haliburton Highlands Literacy Program. \$5.00 per person, tickets at the Kitchen Shop, Haliburton, I.D.A. Drug Store, Minden. For info 457-3430.

March 23 Haliburton Highlands Outdoor Assoc. WILD GAME DINNER & DANCE Haliburton Legion Tickets at Bruce's Barber Shop, Haliburton, Minden Live Bait, Minden, or any association member

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